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In re Appln. of: Norbert Ehmer et al.  
 Appln. No.: 09/914,807  
 Filed: February 19, 2002  
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Examiner: Olga Hernandez  
 Art Unit: 3661

Attorney Docket No: 10543-028

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- ☒ Statement of Substance of Interview  
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## STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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REMARKS

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for conducting an interview on September 14, 2004. In the interview, the Applicants discussed the outstanding rejections of the independent claims over the Henry reference (U.S. Pat. No. 3,707,298) and the Howes reference (U.S. Pat. No. 5,373,447).

The Examiner agreed that the rejection of claims over the Henry reference should not be maintained, but initially asserted that all the claims could be rejected under the Howes reference.

The undersigned and the Examiner discussed the Howes reference and in particular that the Howes reference does not identify when two diagonally opposite wheels have lost sufficient traction with the ground. Simply comparing the speeds of two diagonally opposite wheels is insufficient to identify this condition, nor is any such steps suggested by the Howes reference which would detect the diagonal axis twist condition. In fact, Howes is exclusively directed to a disadvantage which occurs when cornering on a surface of high coefficient of friction which results in weight transfer and a difference in slip values between the inner and outer wheels.

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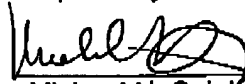
Thus, the Howes reference does not even contemplate a situation where diagonally opposite wheels would loose sufficient traction with the ground.

In summary, the Examiner agreed to withdraw the current Office Action in favor of a new action. In the event the Applicants have not received a new Office Action by October 6, 2004, the undersigned will contact the Examiner to make sure a new action has been sent.

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